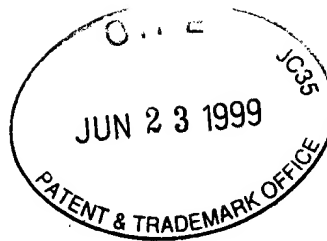


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Inventor: Söderlund, *et al.*
Our Ref: 04990.0043.US03

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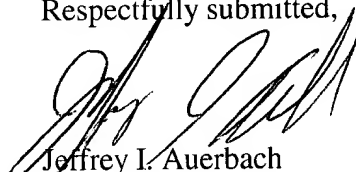
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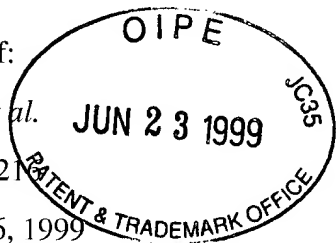
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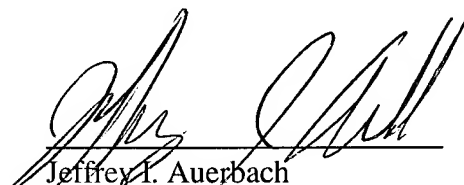
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